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CEREMONY

FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR MURPHY AT
CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE
ACCREDITING ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENI-
POTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND TO PRESENT, AT THE SAME
TIME, THE LETTERS OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR.

QUOTE A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNTRIES -- LIKE
THAT BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS -- MUST GROW AND DEVELOP TO
REFLECT CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED. WE ARE NOW IN A
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PERIOD WHEN WE MUST EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP TO INSURE THAT
IT DEVELOPS IN A MANNER WHICH TRULY REFLECTS THE NEEDS
AND ASPIRATIONS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. WE WANT CHANGE TO
STRENGTHEN OUR TIES. WE KNOW -- AND ARE CERTAIN THAT THE
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT SHARES THIS PERCEPTION -- THAT NO
RELATIONSHIP IN TODAY'S WORLD CAN REMAIN STATIC, REFLECT-
ING PAST PRACTICES AND ASSUMPTIONS HOWEVER VALID THOSE

MIGHT ONCE HAVE BEEN.

QUOTE IN THIS FINAL QUARTER OF OUR CENTURY THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR FREEDOM, ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND JUSTICE ARE RAPIDLY RISING. WE WILL ALL BE JUDGED ON HOW WELL WE SUCCEED IN MEETING THOSE EXPECTATIONS.

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, YOU AND HE SET FORTH IN A JOINT STATEMENT IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES GOVERNING OUR DISCUSSIONS ON MODIFICATIONS OF THE BASES AGREEMENT AND CONSULTED ON MANY OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS.

QUOTE AS IS NORMAL WHEN TWO COUNTRIES HAVE A HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP OF SUCH GREAT DEPTH AND BREADTH, THERE ARE COMPLEX ISSUES WHICH CALL FOR OUR CAREFUL AND DETAILED ATTENTION. USING A COOPERATIVE APPROACH, I FEEL CERTAIN THAT WE WILL ACHIEVE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS.

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO REMAIN AN ASIAN POWER. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINES IS KEY TO OUR ROLE IN THE AREA -- A ROLE WHICH THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION CONTINUE TO FAVOR.

QUOTE WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE MAJOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, ASEAN, AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TALKS IN WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER. I AM AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHILIPPINES AS SPOKESMAN FOR ASEAN TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR INTEREST IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CONTINUES TO BE PROFOUND AND WE INTEND TO WORK CLOSELY WITH IT AS A PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENT TO ENHANCE REGIONAL COOPERATION.

QUOTE ON A PERSONAL NOTE I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SATISFACTION AT BEING APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO BE AMBASSADOR IN THE PHILIPPINES -- THE COUNTRY IN EAST ASIA WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD THE CLOSEST HISTORICAL LINKS. WHILE I HAVE SERVED LONG ELSEWHERE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, IN THE COURSE OF MY PREPARATIONS TO ASSUME THIS MISSION I HAVE BEEN MOST STRONGLY IMPRESSED BY THE MULTIPLICITY OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN LINKS, THE INTANGIBLE AS WELL AS THE TANGIBLE. IN THE PAST WE HAVE SHARED MANY EXPERIENCES -- SOME PLEASANT, SOME HARSH. MANY OF US HAVE RELATIVES IN THE OTHER'S COUNTRY, AND WE HOLD SIMILAR VIEWS ON MANY ASPECTS OF LIFE, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DIGNITY OF MAN.

QUOTE A CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MUST CONTINUE TO CHARAC-
TERIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WILL DO MY
BEST TO CONVEY ACCURATELY AND HONESTLY THE VIEWS OF YOUR

GOVERNMENT TO WASHINGTON, AND IN TURN PROVIDE YOU WITH A
TRUE PICTURE OF OUR THINKING. I LOOK FORWARD TO A CON-
TINUING FRANK AND CORDIAL DIALOGUE WITH YOU AND YOUR
OFFICIALS ON THE MANY MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. END
QUOTE

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